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ALEXANDRIA WANTS IMPROVED TRANSIT

The Commuters' Association Fighting Railw v.

SUMMONS STATE BOARD

Commissioners Asked to Sit A'exandiia and Hear

The Washington and Alexandria Commuters' Association is making a strong fight for better facilities on the electric railway between Washington and Alex- same basis as mechanics and day labor-

The commuters' association, which has of the day for lunch. on its rolls over 500 active members and embraces practically every man and woman who travels frequently between the two cities, at a meeting night be-State Corporation Commission to sit in Alexandria next week and listen to the grievances of the commuters.

The First Appeal.

The association was organized nearly a year ago, and shortly after their organization a committee appeared before the corporation commission in Richmond and made appeal for better accommodations. The commission decided in favor of the commuters, and ordered the company to put on additional cars. This was done at the time, but the passengers now claim that of late there are not as many cars as was ordered by the

One of the municipal officers of the

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A rumor which spread like wildfire During the holiday on Sunday, it was ever the biggest scare of their lives.

A rumor which spread like wildfire in was started on Friday to the effect that a sweeping change was to be made in the working hours of the clerks and the working hours of the clerks and that the closing hour after January 1 heads doubtfully and expressing their

It was also said that the work at the departments was to begin a half hour earlier, making the Government work-

earlier, making the Government working day consist of eight hours, on the same basis as mechanics and day laborers, an hour being allowed in the middle of the day for lunch.

Effect Was Paralyzing.

Whence the rumor came or why, no one now seems able to explain. But its effect on the clerks in all the departments was almost paralyzing. From lip to lip the news was spread, and from the War Department, which is generally credited with being the originator of the report, the story circulated all over the District with a rapidity that wing-footed messengers could not have equaled.

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"The change was decided on at a Cabinet meeting. They want to get more work out of us." This is the way the story first went about, and afterward it was elaborated in shape and form, many of the clerks even circulating the story that only a half hour was to be given for lunch, and that the working day was to begin at 8 o'clock.

D'ligent inquiry among the heads of departments and Cabinet officers on Friday, failed to establish any authenticity for the report, or locate the author, but the rumor like evil tidings would not down, and as the hours passed it gain-have to be changed first."

Getting Over a Scare Man Without a Country

One Edward Ah Kee Is

China Until Authorities Ascertain Whether He Is a Chinaman or an American.

Edward Ah Kee, who looks like a Chinaman, and dresses and talks like an American, is up to the present writing a prisoner in San Francisco, and a man without a country, although he claims to have been born in Washington and to have lived here a greater part of his young life.

Charles Kee is married to a white woman, who is said to be the mother of the prisoner. The family lives in Second Street southeast, but just where, it could not be learned this morning. Kee himself is in St. Louis.

Two years ago Edward Ah Kee, having an American passport, went to China to honor the graves of his ancestors. The authorities at first made it unpleasant and then compelled him to the uppermost topic of conversation views of modern methods of running

of an employe of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and that depart-

cestors. The authorities at first made it unpleasant and then compelled him to leave, because of his American manners. He came to Mexico on his way home, but was not allowed to enter. Then he went back to China and tried San Francisco. There he was told he was not an American and could not get in. He persisted, and was arrested. So far Edward Ah Kee, is without a country, though he has apparently traveled 10,000 miles to try and belong to one.

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ed cars, slow time, and no heat. Friday afternoon, a normal day, be

Friday afternoon, a normal day, beginning ith the train scheduled to leave from Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteen-and-a-half Street at 4 o'clock, they began to run behind the schedule. The train leaving at 4:40 o'clock was two minness late in starting.

This train had hardly left the station when the crowds from the departments and business offices began to gather. A great many passengers are accustomed to taking the train scheduled to leave Washington at 4:50 o'clock. It was ten minutes past 5 o'clock when this train came in from Alexandria, and there was

them around ruthlessly. The cars were filled with passengers from Alexandria, Men lined up on each side of the track.

side of the cars, jumping from step to step. There were several women riding on the platforms when the car left the

Each car has a seating capacity of bout forty-two, yet the two cars had nore than 200 passengers packed in the seats and on the platforms. The train was twenty-fivenimites late in leaving the station.

There was a big crowd waiting on the 200 o'clock train, which was more than en minutes late in getting in from klexandria. The same performance was tone through on this train, which left he station some minutes behind the other car.

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Complaints have been made in regard to the heating of the cars. This complaint is made particularly by girls who work in the department stores here, but live in Alexandria. They come over early in the morning, leaving Alexandria by 7 o'clock, Thick coats of ice can be seen on the windows which do not close tightly.

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The Commuters' Association say that this summer they approached the super-intendent ct the company and had a conference with him in regard to the heating of the cars in the winter. He promised, they say, to let them know shortly what he would do. Not long ago they went to him again, and he informed the committee that he had ordered the heaters for the cars, and had provided for making the windows fit more closely, so as to keep out the cold. The heaters have not been placed in the cars, and the passengers are constantly complaining of the cold.

Treasurer Davis in charge of the office in Mr. Colvin's absence, said he was not in a position to state what the plans of the company are in regard to putting on more cars and providing for heat.

Refuses to Talk.

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Superintendent Colvin of the Washington Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company, was seen by a Times' reporter today in regard to the condia crowd of fully 200 people waiting.

As soon as the cars came in sight the scramble for convenient places for all, saying that it was not the policy of the company to appear in the newspapers.

BIGGEST DEAD LETTER SALE IN OUR HISTORY

The dead letter sale was completed When the train stopped windows were forced open and dozens of men climbed in. When women got in few seats were left. In the two cars there were eight windows open, through which men and boys climbed.

The dead letter sale was completed Saturday night. Nearly 8,000 packages of merchandise, jewelry, and books were disposed of. The property intended for other persons has been scattered far and wide in the District of Colum-

Nothing Done, Not Even Reading of Minutes Completed-Some Bills Received.

The session of the Senate today last-Mr. Perkins (Cal.) was in the chair, having been so designated by the Presi-

Less than a score of Senators were in their places at the opening prayer. They were Western and Southern members who expect to spend the holiday season in Washington, and Senators from nearby States.

The reading of the minutes of the last legislative day was not completed. Adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

day.
Several bills were reported by a Housmessenger and nominations received
from the President.
The public galleries were well filled,
but they were soon vacated.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN, T. R. SHEPPARD, DEAD

Thomas R. Sheppard, who lived at 663 Thomas R. Sheppard, who lived at 663
Ninth Street northeast, a well-known
Grand Army man of Washington, and
assistant appointment clerk of the Department of the laterior, died yesterday
at his home, after a lingering lilness.
Mr. Sheppard was bern in Marietta,
Ohio, in 1847, served through the entire
war, and was promoted for gallantry.
He was appointed a laborer in the department in 1886, and rose to his present position through efficiency. He was
past commander of John A. Rawlins
Post, No. 1.

JUDGE BAKER HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

emoving Judge Baker, of the supreme court of New Mexico, after giving Judge Baker a full hearing.
Judge Baker, however, does not think
it best for him to serve longer, and has
tendered his resignation.

POSTOFFICE STATION AT CONGRESS HEIGHTS

Postmaster General Wynne issued an order today establishing a new postof-

These Special Bargains for Tonight From 6 to 9 o'Clock Ladies' Short Flannelette Skirts, made with scalloped edge. Yoke hands. Pink and blue stripes. Special tonight from 6 to 9, at New Dance Folio, including "Sweetest Girl in Dixle." "Dear Sing Sing." "Boys' regular 19c Allsize, with checker board one of the old favorites. Sets of Dishes. Sold regscalloped edge. Yoke hands. Pink and blue stripes. Special tonight from 6 to 9, at New Dance Folio, including "Sweetest Girl in Dixle." "Dear Sing Sing." "Boys' regular 19c Allsize, with checker board on reverse side. Regular price, S9c, on ight from 6 to 9 o'clock at New Dance Folio, including "Sweetest Girl in Dixle." "Dear Sing Sing." "Seminole." "The Man Boxes, containing pair of this section. Regularly at 18c, Offered tonight from 6 to 9 o'clock at New Dance Folio, including "Sweetest Girl in Dixle." "Dear Sing Sing." "Seminole." "The Man Boxes, containing pair of this section. Regularly Scissors, thread silk, and this section. Seisors, thread silk, and this boys' clothing department tonight from 6 to 9 o'clock tonight at

ers, for little boys and goods. All colors. 1 to 6year sizes. Tonight from

79c

10c

Jet Collars, extra deep; the steel effects worn this section. Regularly battons. Special tonight from 6 to 9

Seventh and K Streets "The Dependable Store"

We are on the alert to serve you promptly and satisfactorily during these last days before Christmas. We haven't allowed stock to be depleted-and you'll find us ready with ample assortments and complete lines to draw upon up to the

Time is growing short—better finish the gift buying tomorrow if possible.

OPEN LATE TONIGHT.

Silver Novelties

Sterling Silver Manicure Sets, 3 to 10 pieces; packed in near croth Faed boxes, 89c to \$4.98 set.

Sterling Silver Manicure and Dressing Table Noveltles—Shoe Horns, Files, Buttoners, Curlers, etc.—the regular 50c kind...

Silveroin Match Safes, heavily embossed; rich designs; 49°C worth 98°C.....

Silveroin Hand Mirrors; \$1.98 beautiful designs; heavy \$1.98

Silk Gauze Fans, lace trimmed—with sticks of bone and wood. Special price......49¢

Spangled and Lace-trimmed Fans, of dainty silk gauze, in black and white. Special at.... 98°

Very fine quality Silk Gauze Fans, lace and spangled trimmed: black and white. \$1.49

CUT-PRICE TOYS

As the Toy Department is not a regular feature of our business, we shall not carry over any Toys-but beginning tomorrow cut prices all along the line to make sure of a complete clearance by next Saturday night.

Ì	t nese cut price offerings for to
	Daisy Air Riffes, Sold regur 59°
	5-leg Oak Extension Table, 980 with two separate leaves.
	Black Boards, with tin 98° checker board. Special at
	Regular \$1 Oak Sideboards, Wash Stands, and Bureaus.
	Oak Morris Chairs, with upholstered c u s h i o n s: \$3.69 highly polished. Special
	Regular \$1.69 Oak Writing Desk, with three slate \$1.29

Regular \$1.50 Automobile, with rubber tires and plush 89° seat. Reduced to......

Large Oak Folding Tables....490 Regular \$4.98 Rubber-tired Velocipede, all steel frame, ad- \$3.98 justable seat and handle \$3.98 Large size Iron Express Wagons, with steel gearing and \$1.89

Regular 98e Loop the Loop, consisting of five pieces, including rail and car. Tomor- fow at

Handkerchiefs

An immense variety of styles and each one a superior value for the money.

Ladies' usual 19c Lace
Edge Handkerchiefs, in new effects; tomorrow, each 122c

at Ladies' regular 124c Swiss Em.

\$1.50 and \$2 Wrappers, 98c

A special purchase of 200 dozen Flannelle Wrappers, heavy quality, in a great variety of hand some designs and bright colorings, including gray and black and gray and white effects. Neatly trimmed and small ruffles. Wide flounce at the bottom. Finished with dressmakers' fitted lining.

All sizes up to 44. Regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 values tomorrow at 98c.

\$1.50 Books at 39c Regular \$1.50 Copyrighted Books are being distributed at 39ca rare bargain. The publishers are bringing out the holiday editions, and the regular editions, while every bit as attractive in binding and

Dress Suit Cases, Worth \$10 \$6.98

The manufacturer's overplus lots of Dress Suit Cases were secured at a liberal discount-and are offered tomorrow at less than usual wholesale cost. They are all of the finest grade, made of genuine Cowhide leather, in dark brown and russet shades. French handsewed edges, solid brass button, rivets, straps all around. Linen lined, finished with stationery pocket. Double handsewed and rivet-

Actual \$10 and \$12 values tomorrow at \$6,98. An offering that suggests the idea of buying one to present to a Leather Hand Bags, in all sha pes and styles, including Club.

Windsor, and French Cabin Bags at \$1.19 to \$10.98.

4th Floor Gift Hints Tapestry Couch Covers, 3 yards long, 50 inches wide, Oriental 980 stripe effects. Strictly reversible, Regular \$1.50 value......

Fine quality Satine covered Comforts, scroll stitched quitted. \$1.98

Handsome Down Comforts, full size for double beds. Both \$3.98 sides covered with Frenci \$3.98 Genuine Angora Fur Go-Cart or Baby Carriage Robes; finished with stitched Bedford cord lining. Regularly \$5, for......\$3.48

Silk Head Rests, covered with silk; finished with silk cord and tassels. Worth 50c, 29c for

Special lot of genuine Marseilles Spreads; large size for double beds; in handsome raised designs. Regular \$4.50

Men's Gold-filled Link Cuff Buttons; each pair in neat, lined box. Worth 75c and 9sc. 49C Men's Gold-plated and Ster-ling Silver Link Buttons, in a 25° variety of pretty effects. Pair. make-up, are relegated to the background.

Men's Gold-plated Fancy Metal and Silk Fobs, with buckle and 49c charm; neat designs. Worth 49c Gold Front Scarf and Stick Pins; chased, or with neat stone settings; each in neat lined 49°C Imported White Stone Brooches; beautiful effects; exact similations of high-cost \$1.50

Gold Jewelry

Sterling Silver Thimbies, in richly chased effects. Special at 25c and 49c, Gold-plated and Silver Lockets, 50c to \$1.50. Solid Gold Baby Rings, neat- 25° Ladies' Selid Gold Rings, worth 98c; pretty stone set-49C Ladies' Solid Gold Rings, beautifu, settings; new designs. \$1 to \$3.50.

Mufflers Four Lots at Bargain Price

75c Mufflers..... 49c 50c Feather Fans, 25c \$1.50 Mufflers..... 98c \$2.00 Mufflers..... \$1.50 \$3.00 Mufflers \$1.98

\$3 Mohair Waists, \$1.98

Fancy Novelty Mohair Waists, in flaked effect; full front, trimmed en-tirely with tailored tucks; Duchess vest tons; tucked down the back; colors are brown, navy, myrtle, and black, Regular \$3 values, for one day at \$1.98.

Seventh and K Streets

"The Dependable Store"

Gift Manicure and Toilet Sets

Brush and Comb Sets; ebony or rose-wood finish; sterling silver 40c box.

Genuine Ebonoid Manieure Sets; sterling silver trimmings; packed in neat 40c embossed designs; in neat cloth-lined box; worth 75c. 40c complete for salve jar, file and tweez-50c see; in neat box; worth 50c Special lot of Decorated Porcelain-back Hand Mirrors; gold lacquered; beautiful decorations; 40c worth \$1.00.

S2.00 Manieure Sets; genuine pyralin handles; best quality fittings, nall file, cuticle; \$1.30 steel scissors, salve ja....

Furs Are Fine Gifts

You may give a fur piece or a set of furs with the positive knowledge that will give more real pleasure than anything else. These good sorts are surprisingly low.

Rich Imperial Jap Mink Scarfs; dark brown; marked with distinct stripes; ornamented at bottom with natural fox talls, at the neck with handsome dik cord ornaments. \$8.98 Value. \$12.50. Special \$8.98 Fur Set of Elegant Black Marten;

Genuine Isabella and Sable Fox Pelerines, large flat collar and long tabs; ornamented at bottom with large natural brush talls and 4 \$10.98 flat collar and tails. Large flat collars Value, \$16.50.

For Wife or Mother

Knit Blouses, with full sleeves and bloused front. In white, black, and colors. Finished with fancy shell stitching. All \$1.69

All-wool Eiderdown Dressing Sacque

\$5 Taffeta Silk Petticcats, \$2.98

Heavy Rustling Black Taffeta Silk, with accordion pleating and small office on bottom. Extra dust tuffe. All lengths. We got bold of an even hundred of lease at a barrain price. Regular \$5 value, tomorrow at \$2.98.

Silver-plated Knives, Set of 6 at 75c

The Regular Price is \$2.50 a Dozen Sterling Sliver-plated Table Knives, closed out from a world-famous silver-smith, at a liberal concession for no not be duplicated again next season. They are all Sterling Ellver-plated Hand-knit Shawls, Fascinators, Hoods, Squares, etc., in all colors, Extra large sizes. A gift that will be appreciated. Special 445 six tomorrow at 75c. Never sold for less than \$2.50 a dozen before.